Willow Creek: A Case Study

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Willow Creek Community Church

- Started in 1975 in a movie theater

- Moved to a permanent location in 1980

- Started with one building (Lakeside)

- Has grown steadily over the past 35 years to an 810,000 sq ft building

- There are 4 major venues and several small to mid sized classrooms
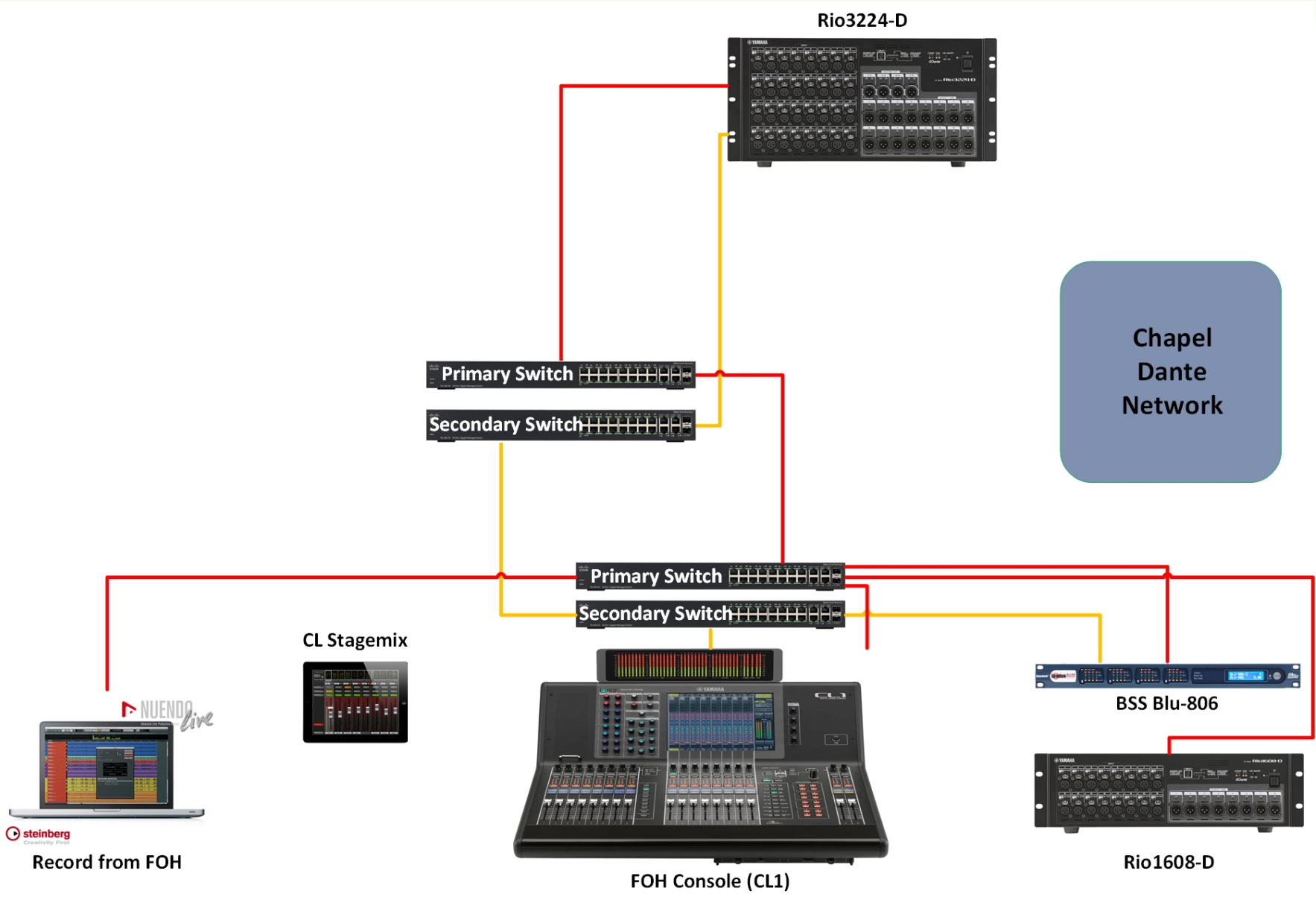
Original Infrastructure

- All analog
- Copper tie lines
- Analog consoles

The Need for Dante

- Major upgrades/overhauls
- Gear was failing
- Dante seemed the perfect solution
- Yamaha rep conversation
- Creativity

Chapel – 1ˢᵗ Dante Venue

- Failing analog console
- Simple system to jump in to
- Gear installed
- IT network
- Ease of setup

DANTE™ AV NETWORKING WORLD

Rio3224-D

Chapel Dante Network

Primary Switch

Secondary Switch

Primary Switch

Secondary Switch

CL Stagemix

BSS Blu-806

Record from FOH

FOH Console (CL1)

Rio1608-D
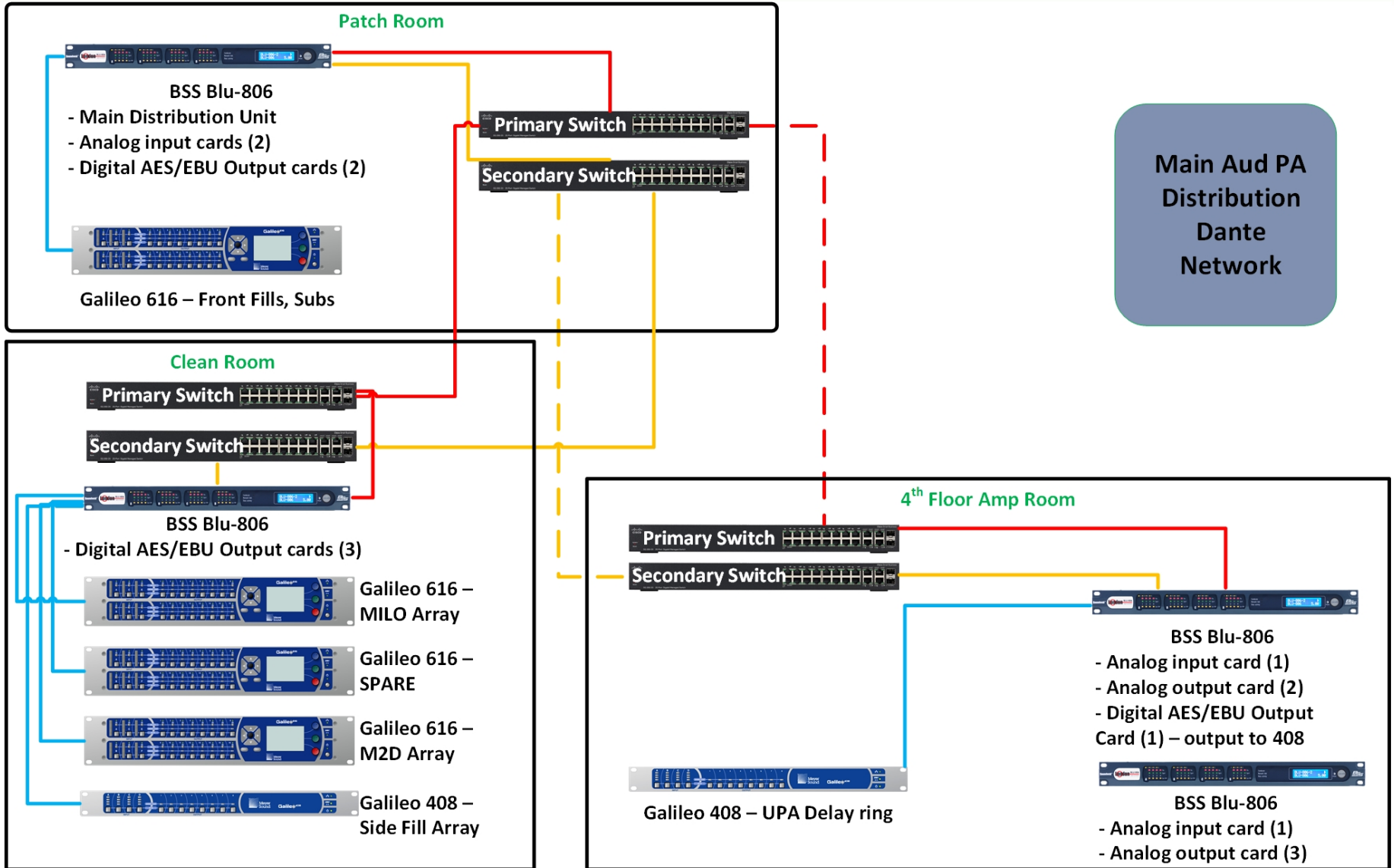
Main Aud – 2nd Dante Venue

- PA distribution was failing
- Rock solid solution
- Fiber backbone
- Management - VLAN

DANTE™ AV NETWORKING WORLD

Patch Room

BSS Blu-806
- Main Distribution Unit
- Analog input cards (2)
- Digital AES/EBU Output cards (2)

Galileo 616 – Front Fills, Subs

Primary Switch

Secondary Switch

Main Aud PA Distribution Dante Network

Clean Room

Primary Switch

Secondary Switch

BSS Blu-806
- Digital AES/EBU Output cards (3)

Galileo 616 – MILO Array

Galileo 616 – SPARE

Galileo 616 – M2D Array

Galileo 408 – Side Fill Array

4th Floor Amp Room

Primary Switch

Secondary Switch

Galileo 408 – UPA Delay ring

BSS Blu-806
- Analog input card (1)
- Analog output card (2)
- Digital AES/EBU Output Card (1) – output to 408

BSS Blu-806
- Analog input card (1)
- Analog output card (3)

3rd and 4th venues

- Lakeside
  - Yamaha M7CL and Whirlwind snakes
- New Dante system

AVNW — DANTE™ AV NETWORKING WORLD

Rio3224-D

AES/EBU

Galileo 616

Monitor Console (CL5)

CL Stagemix

Dante-MY16-AUD

Rio3224-D

Lakeside Dante Network

Primary Switch

Secondary Switch

Primary Switch

Secondary Switch

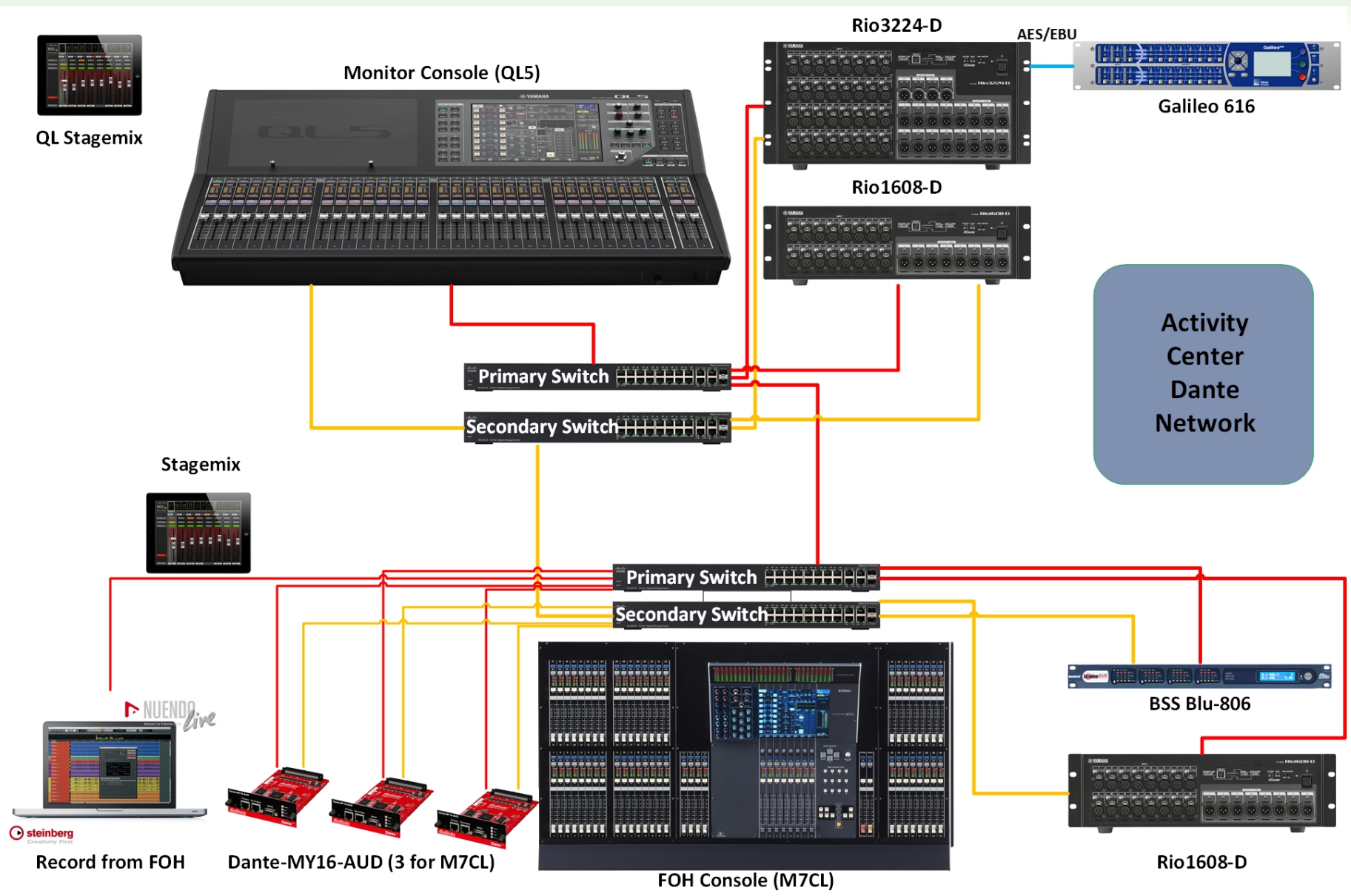CL Stagemix

BSS Blu-806

NUENDO live

Record from FOH

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Creativity First

Dante-MY16-AUD

FOH Console (CL5)

Rio1608-D

3rd and 4th venues

- Lakeside
  - Yamaha M7CL and Whirlwind snakes
  - New Dante system
- Activity Center
  - Yamaha M7CL and no monitor desk
  - New Dante system
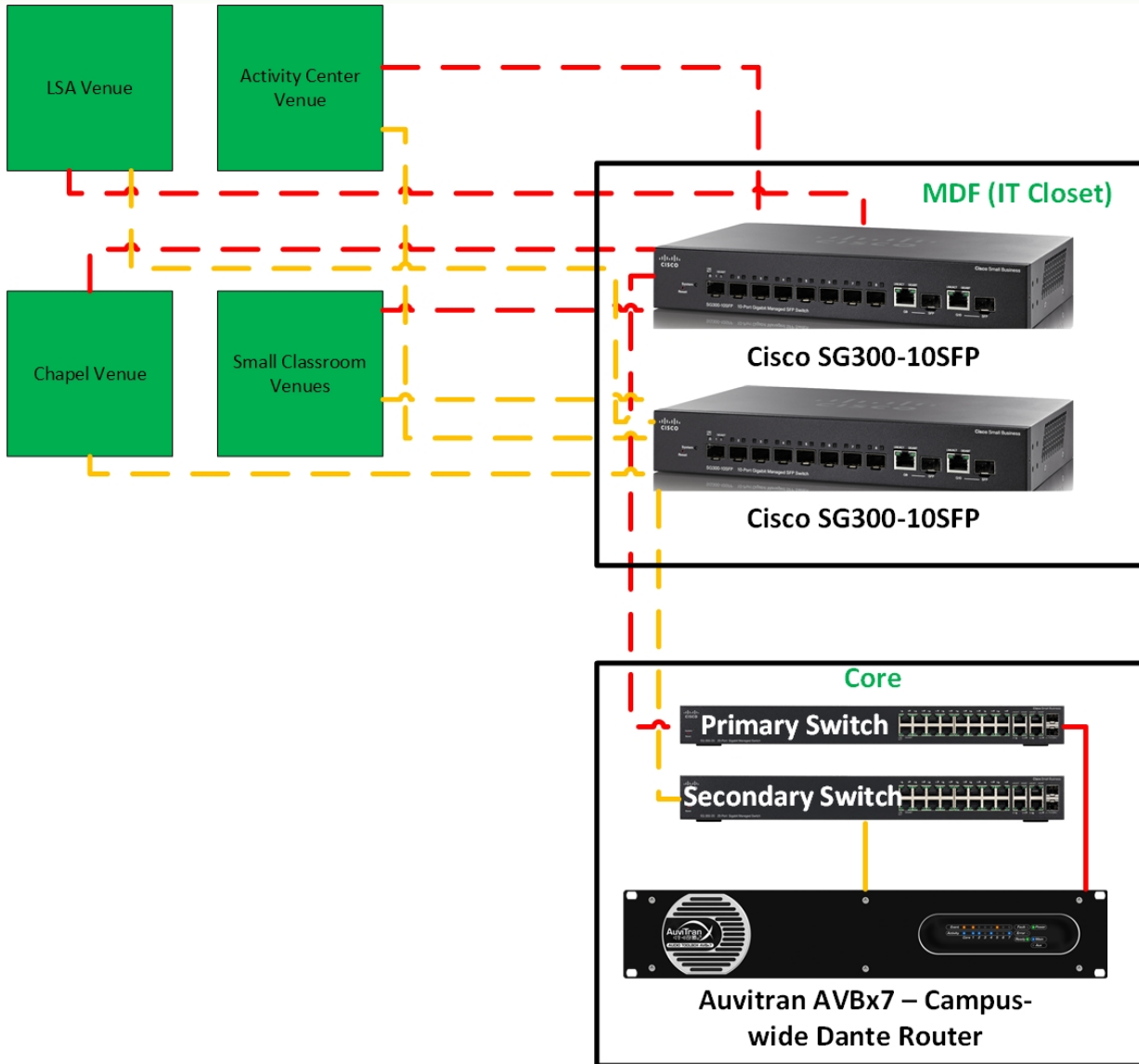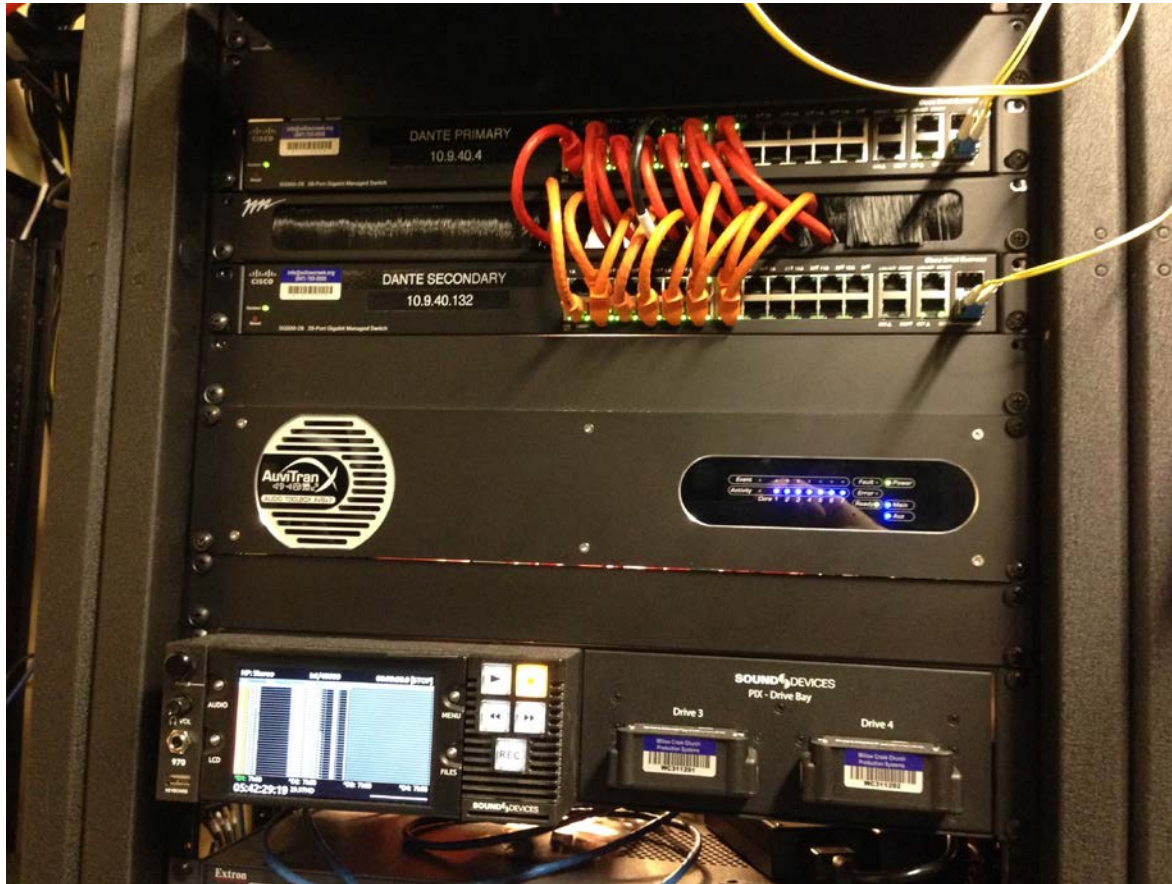
DANTE™ AV NETWORKING WORLD

Rio3224-D

AES/EBU

Galileo 616

Monitor Console (QL5)

QL Stagemix

Rio1608-D

Activity
Center
Dante
Network

Primary Switch

Secondary Switch

Stagemix

Primary Switch

Secondary Switch

BSS Blu-806

Record from FOH

Dante-MY16-AUD (3 for M7CL)

FOH Console (M7CL)

Rio1608-D

Need to connect the venues

- How do we connect everything?
- Auvitran AVBx7
- Isolated venues
- Management - VM

DANTE™ AV NETWORKING WORLD

LSA Venue

Activity Center Venue

Chapel Venue

Small Classroom Venues

MDF (IT Closet)

Cisco SG300-10SFP

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Main Aud Campus Wide Router Dante Network

Core

Primary Switch

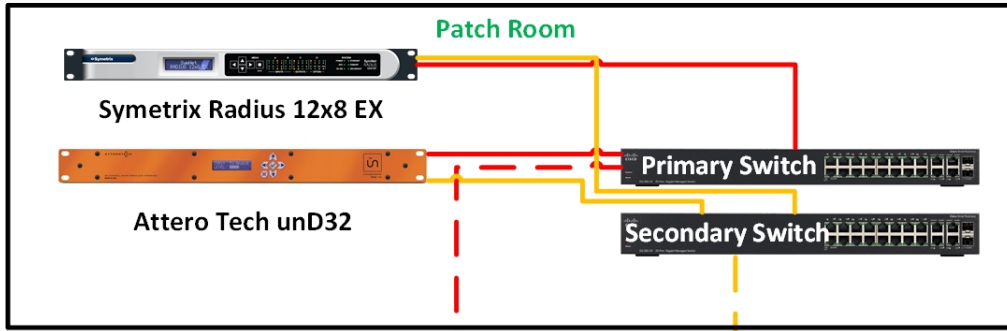Secondary Switch
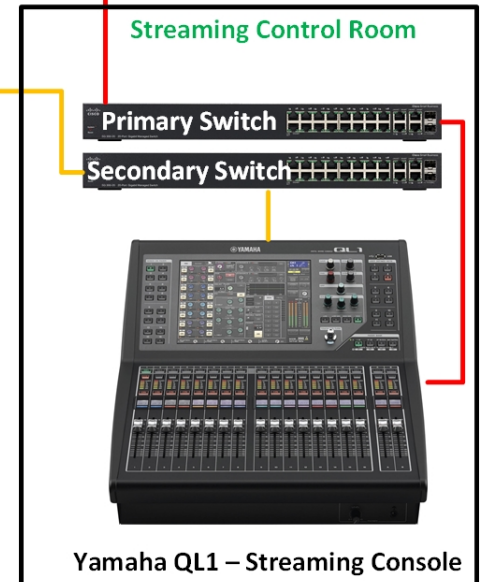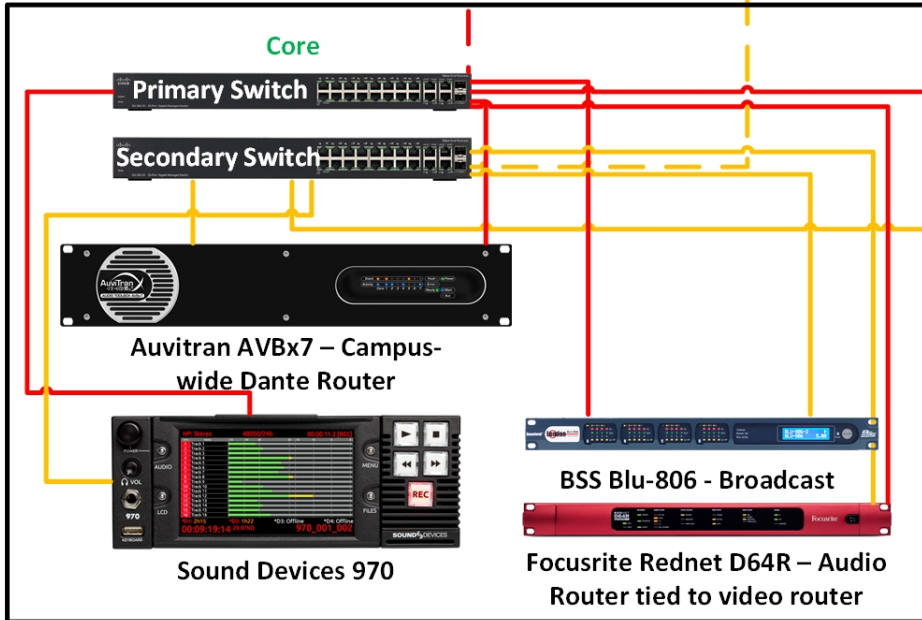
Auvitran AVBx7 – Campus-wide Dante Router

Challenges

- QoS and EEE
- Secondary port

HD Video Upgrade

- Dante/MADI interface

- Interpretation

- Streaming

- Audio to/from video playback

DANTE™ AV NETWORKING WORLD

Patch Room

Symetrix Radius 12x8 EX

Attero Tech unD32

Primary Switch

Secondary Switch

Core

Primary Switch

Secondary Switch

Auvitran AVBx7 – Campus-wide Dante Router

Sound Devices 970

BSS Blu-806 - Broadcast

Focusrite Rednet D64R – Audio Router tied to video router

Main Aud Router Dante Network

Streaming Control Room

Primary Switch

Secondary Switch

Yamaha QL1 – Streaming Console

40th Anniversary

- Yamaha PM10
- Full Dante Backbone
- PA Distribution
- Over 500 Dante streams
- Multitrack

Future

- Consoles
  - PM1D replacement
  - Children's venues
- Wireless mics
- Dante in every room

Conclusion

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